MR. BASAPPA GOWDA (Sorab Taluk).—

Q.—37. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many Agricultural Farms are there in the State?

(*b*) What is the cost of their maintenance?

(*c*) What is the cost incurred for maintaining the Agricultural Farm at Marthur, Sagar Taluk?

(*d*) What is the income derived from this Farm?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—37. (*a*) 8.

		Rs.
(*b*)	Hebbal Farm	20,000
	Babbur Farm	20,600
	Nagenahalli Paddy Breeding Station ...	6,000
	Marthur Farm	6,700
	Jeevanrayankatte	2,250
	Kar-ragi	7,900
	Coffee Farm	54,509
	Irwin Canal	1,09,110
	Total ...	2,27,069

(*c*) Rs. 6,700.

(*d*) Rs. 2,000.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Basappa Gowda.—

The expenditure on the Marthur Farm comes to Rs. 6,700 whereas the income derived is only Rs. 2,000. Is not Rs. 4,700 a heavy loss to the Government?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

It is an experimental station and is not meant for earning profits.

Mr. Basappa Gowda.—

For how long is it working at a loss?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Since it is an experimental farm, the question of profit does not arise at all. Even if the raiyats managed it, it would have resulted in loss.

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

There are two types of farms. Some are meant purely for carrying on experiments. All the experiments that we carry on do not prove successful. The raiyats will adopt only those which have definitely succeeded in our farms. Whichever is successful will have to be recommended to the raiyats for adoption. So a lot of money will have to be spent before we could get the desired result and such experiments could be carried on only on Government farms.

Mr. Basappa Gowda.—

Will it not suffice if the experiment is carried on for one or two years ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

No. Very many matters will form the subject of experiments. The result of one year's experiment upon any subject cannot be considered sufficiently reliable. As we could not thus draw accurate conclusions from the very first experiment, it has to be repeated at least for about three years, to eliminate the effects of changed seasonal conditions, nature of the soil and so on. It is after conducting the experiments a number of times that we could announce the results to the raiyats.

Mr. T. S. Venkappa.—

What are the items included in the expenditure of Rs. 6,700 ? Does it include also the cost of establishment ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

Yes.

Mr. T. S. Venkappa.—

Is similar loss incurred on this farm every year ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

Notice.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

In the Nagenahalli Paddy Breeding Station, are you growing every variety of paddy ? Are you distributing to the raiyats the most popular variety ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

It is not a place where all kinds of paddy are grown and distributed to the raiyats. There is not enough space in the farm for that. What is done is, we distribute small quantities, say about 10 *pallas*, of the variety found by trials to be the best, and during the year following, the raiyats in their turn distribute the seeds raised from this supply, generally under our supervision; and it is only at that rate that there will be wide-spread supply.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Are you distributing the seeds to all the raiyats in the locality or only to a favoured few ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

Whoever agrees to grow the paddy pure and also supplies seed trees later on from the paddy grown by them will get the seeds.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Is it not a fact that it is being given to only one or two and refused to others ?

Second Member of Council.—

That depends upon the quantity available.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

But you are giving large quantities to one or two and comparatively smaller quantities to others. Can you enquire and arrange for an even distribution ?

Second Member of Council.—

As far as possible, we shall do it.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Is it fair that the department should charge for the seeds more than the market rates ?

Second Member of Council.—

The department could spare only a limited quantity of paddy. When it is a question of having to supply to all the raiyats, they buy from private parties and sell to the raiyats the particular varieties that they want. The freight will have to be debited to the raiyats as the department cannot

bear it. But it is certain that they do not charge any profit.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

But my point is that you are charging about Rs. 3 more than the market price for the paddy that you grow on the departmental farm. Why should you do it ?

Dewan.—

That is because they are of special quality and are produced at a higher cost.

Mr. M. S. Linge Gowda.—

Is it not a fact that the department itself offers to the raiyats more than the market rates for seeds supplied to them in case the quality is good ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

Yes, as a premium on seed raised pure and under our supervision.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

For Coimbatore Sanna paddy, are you not taking Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 more than the market price ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

No such cases have been brought to my notice.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

If we bring them to notice, will the price be reduced ? The difference should not be more than eight annas or one rupee a *palla*.

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

I shall inquire and see if it is possible.

Mr. H. K. Madaiah.—

If the object of selling the seeds is to encourage the cultivation of improved qualities of paddy, why not the freight be debited to the farm as part of the cost of experiment ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

If special sanction of Government is received, it can be done.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

What about the crops that you grow on the farm ? You sell them at a certain price even though the farm is working at a loss. Similarly, why not supply the seeds also at the market rates ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

We shall try.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

For how many years have you been raising paddy of different kinds?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

In the Nagenahalli Farm, for the past 7 or 8 years, we have concentrated attention on paddy.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

How many varieties have you experimented upon so far?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

Fifty to sixty varieties, roughly.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

How many still remain to be investigated ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

There are any number of them. We are ourselves breeding new varieties.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Have you been distributing all the 50 or 60 varieties ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

We have been distributing only 6 or 7 varieties. The other varieties are also available; but we are not distributing them because we are not satisfied with their performance.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

How many more varieties will be necessary for our country ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

That is not possible to say.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

What is the object of reserving the Nagenahalli Farm exclusively for experiments in paddy and no other crop ?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

To carry on exhaustive varietal, manurial and cultivation experiments we have restricted our operations to paddy which is the chief crop in the channel area. We have no summer supply of water for certain other crops.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

In case the raiyats undertake such experiments, will Government give half the expenditure as a grant?

Deputy Director of Agriculture.—

We cannot do it. But we will purchase the crop at ten per cent premium, if the seed had been given by the department and the crop raised pure and under our supervision. In fact, we have done so in the past.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

When the farm is meant for the benefit of the raiyats, why should Government earn a profit from the raiyats? In any case the farm is sustaining loss every year. Why not the raiyats at least get some concession?

Second Member of Council.—

We shall consider the suggestion to supply the paddy at the market rates.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Will it be possible to start one paddy experimental farm in the Kolar District or to arrange to supply seeds from this farm to that district?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes, we shall try to supply seeds from the existing farm.

MR. BASAPPA GOWDA (Sorab Taluk).—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) In how many of the six hoblies in Sorab Taluk, is timber being granted to raiyats under the Malnad Raiyats' Special Privileges Rules?